



Church of the Nativity of Our Lady,  
Johnstown  
Eircode – C15 H320

Vigil – 7.30pm;  
Sunday – 11am; Latin Mass 1pm  
1st & 3rd Saturday Syro-Malabar Mass  
Weekdays except Wednesday – 9.30am  
Funeral replaces daily Mass  
**Baptisms** – Sunday after 11am Mass  
Confession before Vigil Mass.



Parish of Johnstown & Walterstown  
Diocese of Meath, 2024 AD

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Church of the Assumption of Our Lady  
Walterstown  
Eircode – C15 HX36

Vigil – 6pm  
Sunday – 9.30am  
**Baptisms** – by arrangement  
Confession before Vigil Mass  
Church open daily for prayer

**Parish Office:** The Parish Secretary, AnneMarie McGrane, is available at the Parochial House on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10am to 1pm for Mass bookings, the issuing of certificates, appointments, and other parish business

**Sacristans:** Johnstown: Mary Macneil; Walterstown: Ann Farrelly Tel: 087 9901277

**Society of St Vincent de Paul:** Johnstown, contact Freefone 1800 677 777 Ext. 2

**Safeguarding Children:** The Parish of Johnstown/Walterstown has adopted and implemented the Meath Diocesan Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures, available at [www.meathsafeguarding.ie](http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie)

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**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Carol Coogan 085-1916347 & Emer O’Connor 087-6778682



**Good Shepherd Sunday - Vocations Sunday**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

6.00pm - Thomas & Kathleen Barry & son Thomas  
7.30pm - Tom & May McMahon & daughter Olive Valentin;  
Ita Lyons (née Bourke) & her mother Kathleen Bourke;  
Ann Ratty – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

9.30am - Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish  
11.00am - Gerard Smith;  
Terry Dowdall & John Hegarty;  
Bridget O’Donnell – Months’ Mind

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April

6.00pm - Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish  
7.30pm -

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am - Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish  
11.00am - Charlie Deens – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;  
John Lee – Months’ Min

**Baptism** was celebrated last weekend with the families of **Fiacra Desmond McAvinney, Oisín Peter Kelly & Silas Donal Cosgrave.**

**Trocaire Boxes**, the fruit of Lenten penance, can be returned to the church at any time, the sooner the better for those in Malawi and elsewhere who are waiting for our help. The amount kindly returned and counted so far is **€3,527.69.**

**Prayer for our Farming Community:** Heavenly Father, You have created all things in wondrous harmony to Your glory and for our use and benefit; You have given us the earth to care for and to provide us with food; We humbly ask you to give us the dry weather we now so urgently need so that seed may be sown and crops can be planted. **St Isidore, pray for us. St Fiacre, pray for us.**

**Vocations Sunday** - Holy Hour in Dunshaughlin parish church this Sunday at 5pm. All who are considering a call to Priesthood are invited to come and reflect on Christ, Shepherd and Priest.

Vocations info: Fr Tony Gonoude 044 937 3923 [www.meathvocations.com](http://www.meathvocations.com) Facebook Page: DioceseOfMeathVocations  
Email: [vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie](mailto:vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie)

**Viatores Christi** have written to say: “thank you most sincerely for the warm welcome which you gave to our members, Mary and Pauline. The collection received to date from the parish has been very generous, totalling **€1,074.57.** Please convey our heartfelt gratitude to the parishioners for this substantial contribution to VC, which will be a great help to us in our work with our partner projects in some of the poorest communities of our world.”

‘**Counters**’ – more volunteers needed to help count the weekly collection. Please contact the Office or sacristy if you can help.

**First Confession** was celebrated on Monday evening for the children in St Stephen’s preparing for First Holy Communion.

**First Holy Communion** for St Stephen’s on 18<sup>th</sup> May and Lismullen on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**Congratulations** to the children from our Syro-Malabar families who received their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

**The Parish Pastoral Assembly** met on Monday evening. As grace builds on nature, so faith builds on fellowship and so it is proposed to have a series of parish events to bring people together socially after Mass. On consecutive weekends there will be a parish gathering with refreshments, and perhaps music and a chance to talk, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June in Johnstown after the 11am Mass and on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June after the Vigil in Walterstown, both events in the respective church grounds. Help will be needed for both with tables, food etc. More information to follow. It is also planned to have an Advent event and a Christmas Carol Concert. All were agreed that these events must be planned months ahead of time!

**Walterstown church:** the gate pier, damaged in unknown circumstances some weeks ago, has now been faithfully rebuilt by Jimmy and Ian Carroll, using traditional materials and techniques. Some attention will now have to be given to the gate, which is badly corroded.  
**Johnstown church:** a suspended ceiling contractor will carry out an inspection of the ceiling this week.

**Navan Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** in St Oliver's church on the Nine Fridays for Mass and Devotions at 7:30pm from 12<sup>th</sup> April until 7<sup>th</sup> June, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. More details at [www.navanparish.ie/sacred-heart-novena](http://www.navanparish.ie/sacred-heart-novena)

The first **National Pilgrimage for Life**, organised by the *Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference*, will be celebrated on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May in Knock with Mass at 3pm in the Basilica, anointing of the sick during Mass. Main celebrant and preacher will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. Join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

**Pro Life Campaign** - church gate collection 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April. Defends life from conception to natural death and provides resources to support pregnant women, new mothers in need and those in need of healing after abortion. Further info - [www.prolifecampaign.ie](http://www.prolifecampaign.ie)

**Navan Corpus Christi Charismatic Prayer Group** meet on Sun evenings at 8pm in the Parish Room. All are welcome to attend.

**Talk on the Cause of Fr Willie Doyle** - Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 pm, Parish Centre, Mullingar. Blessing with Fr Doyle's personal crucifix.

**Lough Derg One-Day Retreats in May** - guided days of prayer and reflection on Sun 5<sup>th</sup>, Mon 6<sup>th</sup>, Sun 12<sup>th</sup>, Tue 14<sup>th</sup>, Sat 18<sup>th</sup>, Sat 25<sup>th</sup> & Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May [www.loughderg.ie](http://www.loughderg.ie) €45 per person, booking essential. **Three Day Pilgrimage** from 31<sup>st</sup> May until 15<sup>th</sup> August.

**Young Adult Retreat for Eastertide** Sat 4<sup>th</sup> May (10am - 5pm). Join other young people in peace, prayer and joy. Mass, friendship, talks, confession, chat. Cost-€20 (lunch/ tea breaks provided) Contact: Sr Úna 090 6481666/ email: [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com)

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August. The **Fr. Willie Doyle Pilgrimage** also on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

**Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 10<sup>th</sup> September with Bishop Deenihan and the Diocesan Choir. 4, 5 & 6-night options from €769 with various hotels available. Further info from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin. Tel.: 01 2410800

**SeniorLine** is Ireland's national telephone service for older people, open every day of the year 10am-10pm. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or just for company during their day. Volunteers are trained to listen, support, discuss options and refer a caller to other services if necessary. Don't be alone if sharing a problem would help. **Freephone 1800 80 45 91**

**Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage** in honour of Our Lady of Montserrat, Spain takes place from 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – 1<sup>st</sup> Oct staying at Summa Hotel on the sea-shore of Pineda de Mar on a half board basis. Contact Navan Travel at 046 906 8600 to reserve a place.

**Home-School Education:** *in search of truth, goodness and beauty.* Join parents and teachers for a one-day conference exploring options for primary & secondary education on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am in De La Salle Retreat Centre Castletown, Co Laois. Cost €10.

**Navan and District Historical Society** will host a talk on *America to Allenstown* in Columbanus Hall, Canon Row, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. Speaker Mr Martin O'Halloran N&DHS. Members free, non-members €5.

**Navan Arch Club**, a social club for people with intellectual disabilities, meets Thurs & Sun for social events etc. Over 120 members and many more on a waiting list, but cannot cater for new members without new volunteers. Tel 086 322 2256 for information.

**Cultúr Migrants Centre** is recruiting male and female volunteer Mentors for a new community project working with 19 - 40-year-old male migrants in Meath, Louth, Cavan and Monaghan. For info Tel 087-2525336 or [communications@cultur](mailto:communications@cultur)

**Navan Unit of Irish Red Cross:** First Aid Training for adults at 7.30pm on Mons, St Anne's Hall. Drivers also. Mobile 087 218 1814  
**Navan Red Cross Friendship Club** meet on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April from 3 – 5pm in Claremont Stadium.

**St Mary's Musical Society** presents *Made in Dagenham* at Solstice, Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets online or phone 046 9092300

**Bingo** in Community Centre on Monday at 8:30pm. Navan O'Mahony's Bingo on Tuesday at 8:30pm.

**St. Oliver Plunkett School Annual Bingo Fundraiser** on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7:30pm in the school. Please support.

**Lotto:** Nos. drawn **3,10,25,26**. No jackpot winner. 2 with 3 numbers - Gerry McDonnell, Adam Murphy **Next week's jackpot €10,000**

Last weeks' Offertory: €774.22 Envelopes: €839.00  
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